Countrywise breakup of total Exports during the last 2 financial years

Countries	1993-94	1994-95
Philipines		81915131.00
Portugal	17179229.94	138057632.50
Russia	3071781994.01	1272897397.19
Singapore	808917263.40	754780168.85
South Africa	19269787.11	
South Korea		102414998.06
Spain	120775759.50	153377425.70
Srilanka		5455365.37
Switzerland	279322126.08	423064075.25
Thailand	68329486.80	400850153.00
Turkey		12570810.00
U.A.E.	164886496.00	510200453.80
U.K.	675044468.78	361929439.51
U.S.A.	729377597.35	359210870.40
Total:	10478430340.50	9714039180.43

Hikings of prices of commodities by Super Bazar

36. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of cartel formation to jack up consumer and grossery items prices by Super Bazar and its certain contractors/suppliers in respect of supplies of foodgrains to various branch stores of Super Bazar were brought to the notice of MRTP commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that no action has been taken by the Commission so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard and what steps are being taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) it has been reported by the Super Bazar that they have no information of any cartel nor they have received any communication from M.R.T.P. Commission in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Problems faced by exporting companies

37. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake new initiators to identify and rectify problems faced by the major exporting companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the suggestions received from exporting companies by Government; and

(d) the concrete steps taken to resovle their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) With a view to providing a forum for inter-action at a functional level with Trade and Industry Association, it has been decided to set up a Core Group which includes,

inter alia, Member Customs and the Director General of Foreign Trade. The Apex bodies like CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, FIEO are also Members of this Group. This Group identifies operational problems relating to Export and Import Policy and Procedures. Based on the deliberations of the Group, the need for making modifications in the Export and Import Policy and Procedures, is examined and changes, as deemed appropriate, are incorporated.

Price of rice for export

38. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of rice for export purposes have been increased;

(b) if so, what are the prices of different grades of rice fixed for domestic consumption and also for export;

(c) the extent of increase made in the export price of rice; and

(d) the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) As per the Exim Policy, both basmati and non-basmati rice are freely exportable without any quantity or price restrictions. During the period April-August 1995, a total quantity of 14,56,276 MT of rice (Basmati and non-basmati) valued at Rs. 1186.74 crores have been exported with an average unit price realisation of Rs. 8.15 per kg as compared to 2,34,916 MT of rice valued at Rs. 402.55 crores exported during the corresponding period last year with an average unit price realisation of Rs. 17.13 per kg.

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Flood disaster in a coal mine in Dhanbad

39. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI O.P KOHLI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiries into the Gaslitend mines flood disaster, resulting in trapping to death of at least 64 miners, reveal a clear-cut case of human negligence;

(b) if so, what are the details of the accident;

(c) the revelations of the inquiries;

(d) what compensation has been paid to the victims and their families;

(e) steps taken to prevent such disaster in future; and

(f) the number of accidents taken place in coal mines during the last five years and number of persons killed, accident-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) to (c) Under Section 24 of the Mines Act, 1952, the Government have constituted a Court of Inquiry headed by Shri S.K. Mukherjee, to inquire into the causes and circumstances attending the accident which occurred at Gaslitand and other mines of Bharat Cocking Coal Limited (BCCL) on 26/27/-9-1995. The Court of Inquiry is to submit its report within a period of three months.